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Dear Sirs:

Applicant respectfully requests status information for the above-referenced non-provisional patent application filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date indicated above. Applicant filed an Appeal Brief on **May 9, 2000** and has not yet received any communication pertaining to this Appeal since its filing.

If an expedited response to this status inquiry is possible, the undersigned attorney for Applicant can be reached by phone at (650) 325-4999 or via facsimile at (650) 325-1203.

Sincerely yours,  
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Enclosed: Facsimile Transmittal dated July 13, 2001; Copy of Express mail dated May 9, 2000; Copy of Transmittal of Appeal Brief.